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#### REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Abandonment mailed April 17, 2003, and the telephone conversations with Gary Kunz on April 22 and 23, 2003, appellants and the undersigned hereby request withdrawal of the notice of abandonment. As discussed with Mr. Kunz, the appeal brief does contain a discussion of claims in separate groups, with different arguments for patentability for the independent and dependent claims.

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Examination on the merits of the Appeal Brief is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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